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1. On 27 October 1951,                      schematic representation of the construction plan of the drainage system in the eastern and western sections of Werneuchen airfield. (1) The plan shows the location of the pipes and their diameters. The circled numbers indicate the manholes. The pipe lines of the eastern drainage system were completed except for the line branching off from manhole No 20 toward the northeast and a strip of the main pipe line leading from manhole No 40 to the airfield buildings, about 920 meters away.
2. Some laborers were discharged or transferred to other construction sites, so that only 1,600 workers remained at the field as of 3 November. No machines were shipped away. The construction superintendent said that 500 laborers would remain at the field during the winter months. A Soviet detail was constructing a concrete road, about 200 meters long, from the northeastern bend of the old spur track toward the northeast as far as the place where the fuel containers were stored in groups of three and four. After 30 October, five other containers arrived. A 100-meter strip of the northern taxiway beginning at the east end of the runway was completed. Excavating and laying of a gravel sub-grade started at the                      of the runway where the northern taxiway was to terminate. The entire                      the taxiway could not be identified. (2) A 280-meter space between the                      the spur track in the western extension of the runway was paved. The old                      front of hangars 2 through 6 was enlarged and concreted as far as the southern taxiway. Machines, rails and 1,800 to 2,000 cubic meters of earth were still stored on the apron. A narrow gauge field railway track lay on the southern taxiway. Two tracks about 500 meters apart crossed the runway.                      cleaning ~~and~~ work on the apron in front of the hangars, the taxiway, and runway would take about two weeks. (3)
3. There was no flying at the field between 29 October and 5 November. About 11:30 a.m. on 3 November, a formation of three twin-jet planes circled over the field several times; between 2:30 and 4 p.m., the hangars at the field were closed. No aircraft or aircraft parts were observed.
4. A bakery from Werneuchen delivered 1,030 kg of bread daily to the unit at the field which may indicate that the unit had a strength of slightly more than 1,000 men. (4) No new troops were observed arriving at the field between 29 October and 5 November.

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Truck [ ] loaded with about 70 bedsteads, went to the field on 3 November. Other motor vehicles observed going to the field included trucks [ ] and sedan [ ]. The entrance to the field was constantly guarded by two sentries. No guards were observed at the hangars or on the field boundaries. 25X1

5. The taxiway at the east end of the runway was completed except for about 250 [ ] with the old road track. A strip [ ] to the field was still to be macadamized. [ ] had to be leveled. [ ] of the landing field. Two cranes were in operation [ ] of the field. Twelve locomotives and about 20 trucks were used for hauling the earth away. On 3 November, only about 1,000 laborers of the Bauunion were employed at the field; the other workers were dismissed. No preparations for the installation of runway lights were observed. No radio installations or AA gun emplacements were observed at the field or in its vicinity. (5)

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- (1) For [ ] drainage system, see Annex 1. Because the photostats of the drainage pipe system in the eastern and western sections of the runway are not clear, reproductions were drawn of these photostats. Source could not obtain any details on the middle section of the [ ].
- (2) It appears that, contrary to the previous assumption, construction of a second taxiway actually started. [ ] the work will possibly be done by the 500 laborers who, according to the construction superintendent, will remain at the field during the winter.
- (3) The statements which furnish a good picture of the status of construction appear to be credible [ ]. 25X1
- (4) Some of the soldiers probably belong to a construction unit, while other soldiers seem to be assigned to an advance detail of an air unit at the field. [ ] 25X1

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